

NCDOT Works Through Winter Weather

Statewide, NCDOT employees worked night and day during a storm that brought snow, sleet, freezing rain and ice across North Carolina Jan. 22 through Jan. 24. As of Feb. 1, over 2,275 employees across North Carolina spread over 2.2 million gallons of brine, with 1,604 NCDOT trucks/ graders and 665 contractor trucks. Additionally, they used over 75,000 tons of salt and over 27,000 tons of sand/salt mix.

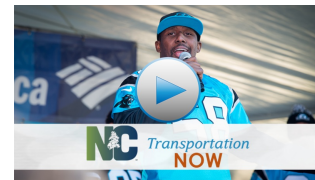


NCDOT crews and equipment made their way from Pasquotank County to Asheville during the storm.

Crews worked 12-hour alternating shifts throughout the storm and over the weekend, plowing roads, sawing and clearing fallen trees from roads and salting bridges and overpasses throughout the state.

Places in eastern counties that saw lesser impacts from the storm even sent crews to help harder hit areas, sharing resources and helping clear roadways in the western part of the state. Maintenance crews from Washington and Pasquotank counties arrived in the Asheville area Saturday night to assist with response efforts there. Twelve trucks from Sampson County arrived in Raleigh Sunday, and NCDOT transferred additional equipment from

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the coastal area to Durham County. The NCDOT State Farm Safety Patrol had helped more than 200 disabled motorists and assisted in 215 wrecks statewide as of Sunday morning.

For more information about how NCDOT works before, during and after the storm, [click here](#).

U.S. 301 Now Open Between Battleboro and Whitakers in Nash County



Crews opened this stretch of U.S. 301 last month.

The N.C. Department of Transportation opened a 1.2 mile-long section of U.S. 301 in Nash County in mid-January that had been closed since this summer for a widening and bridge replacement project.

On Tuesday, June 2, 2015, crews closed U.S. 301 between N.C. 4 in Battleboro and N.C. 33 in Whitakers to allow crews with Palmetto Infrastructure Inc. of Greenville, S.C. to replace the bridges over Swift Creek and the Swift Creek overflow, as well as widen U.S. 301 and extend two drainage culverts under the road.

The purpose of this \$5.1 million project was to improve safety along this stretch of U.S. 301. The three bridges were constructed in 1920. They were built to outdated design standards and needed to be replaced to handle current and future traffic demands. This section of U.S. 301 was also narrow and did not meet modern width standards, resulting in a high rate of crashes at this location.

By closing the entire road and doing all of the work at once, crews were able to finish the work in a shorter amount of time than if the road had remained open and work was performed with lane closures.

North and East of the Triangle, Counties Respond to Winter Weather



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NCDOT crews reload trucks in Halifax County during the latest round of winter weather.

N.C. Department of Transportation crews saw a mixed bag when they dealt with winter weather in Edgecombe, Halifax, Johnston, Nash, Wayne and Wilson counties.

Days before the storm, local maintenance crews completed anti-icing operations, spreading brine along interstates and major routes such as I-95, I-40, U.S. 64 and U.S. 264.

Once the weather moved in on Friday and into Saturday, crews worked 12-hour shifts removing trees, spreading salt and scraping snow in hard hit areas.

In Nash and Johnston counties, crews reported some large trees down but only small trees or limbs down in other counties. Over that weekend in Johnston County, a crash closed Interstate 95 at Exit 105 (Bagley Road) for hours, backing up traffic for miles. At a separate location, a power line went down across I-40 in Johnston County closing the road for a couple of hours on Saturday night. NCDOT crews in Halifax had to clear I-95 five separate times due to the intermittent nature of this storm. By Sunday, Jan. 24, most routes were open and the only ones that were not were waiting on the removal of downed power lines from trees.

"Our Division Four crews were critical in helping us rebound from the dangerous winter weather," said Division Four board member Gus Tulloss. "I want to thank them for all their hard work."

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